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Senators Brown and Sikkema to Conduct "Claim it Correctly" Press Conference

WHO: State Senator Cameron Brown, R-Fawn River Township

Senate Majority Leader Ken Sikkema, R-Wyoming

WHAT: Press Conference to Introduce "Claim it Correctly" legislation

WHEN: Wednesday, May 21, 2003

1:30 p.m.

WHERE: State Capitol Building

Room 405

BRIEF: Michigan residents are allowed to claim an exemption of 18 school mills

on their principal residence (currently known as the *homestead* exemption). Many who own multiple homes in the state have duplicate exemptions in violation of Michigan law. The "Claim it Correctly" legislation allows counties to be involved in the examination of principal

residence exemptions, and will help the state collect unpaid taxes.